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THE IRONY OF FATE.

Had Admiral Sampson not been summoned by Gen. Shafter to the conference at Siboney on the fateful morning of Santiago there never would have been a shadow of a doubt or a question raised as to who was entitled to the credit of the great naval victory. But a single hour of duty away from the action left an opening for a dispute which broke the heart and ended the life of a great commander and a heroic soul.

In his "Sailor's Log" Admiral Evans claims that on the evening before the Spanish fleet sailed out his quartermasier, noticing in the still air the thin columns of smoke which evidently arose from the funnels of the Spenish ships, took it as a sign that the fleet would attempt to escape in the morning and bent the signal "the enemy are coming out" on the halliards, and that the lows was the first ship to fly the signal. Had he reported the smoke to his commander it is possible that Admiral Sampson would have been alive and well to-day and there would have been no controversy over the

He Died Poor.-When the estate of the late Archbishop Corrigan comes to be appraised it will be found that he quitted this world as poor as when he entered it. In ns of money, as in every detail of his blameless life, he was true to his ideals, and the bishop of the est diocese in the country, if not in the world, hardly knew what it was to have a dollar of his own.

A BEEF TRUST BLESSING.

The anti-beef-eating agitation has extended to the 5,000 employees of the General Electric Company, in Lynn, 1,700 of whom have signed a pledge to abstain from meat. It would be an interesting outcome of the Beef Trust's arbitrary raise of prices if the attempted extertion should end our long national preference for meat as an article of diet and turn us toward vegetarianism. The extent and variety of American cereal products is such as no other nation is favored with by nature. These, with other non-flesh foods, are made all the more palatable by the improved art of cooking, which has multiplied the appetizing dishes now readily procurable at restaurants. And there are still culinary secrets to be learned. Commander Hall says that the Turks know some which it is our loss that we are ignorant of. "If the United States would only import some Turkish cooks we could wage a very effective war on the Beef Trust," he says. "The best things I ever had to eat were in Turkey and were concocted almost entirely without the

The twentieth century may discover that the extortionate beef barons have inadvertently done the national health a good turn. The improvement of the tone of the American stomach, whatever the cause would be a blessing which the Beef Trust may be offering us in the disguise of abstinence from meat.

White Wings Will Not Parade,-Now Commissioner Woodbury is reported as saying that he has not ordered a parade of the "White Wings," and has not even intimated to any one that he would do so. It is well. Let us have peace.

THE CHICAGO FLYER.

Announcement is made that the passenger department of the New York Central expects to arrange an eighteenhour service between Chicago and New York. This will require a schedule speed of fifty-five miles an hour, and the traveller leaving New York at 3 in the afternoon will find himself in Chicago at 9 the next morning.

The great value of the new schedule, however, is that it will enable the Chicagoan to leave Chicago-as a great many of them are doing-in the afternoon and arrive in New York the next morning in time to buy a lot on Fifth avenue and an automobile, as a great many of them are doing, and become a New Yorker in time for

We look to the increased speed of the new train service to still further increase New York's rapid rate of

An Unfortunate Coincidence .- It is unfortunate, to say the least, that just as we had made up our minds that the officers of the Chicago had been unjustly reported in the disturbance at Venice we should hear of the crew getting up a "rough house" in Trieste. What is the Matter with the Chicago?

THE IMPROVEMENTS AT OYSTER BAY.

Great preparations are being made at Sagamore Hill for the return of the Presidential family for the summer vacation. The grounds are being improved and put in order, a new roof has been put on the house, the big barn has been improved in various ways, and, lastly, we are told that "lightning rods are being placed on the house." This is indeed taking time by the forelock, with the National Convention still more than two years away. We do not hear of Senator Hanna putting up any lightning rods, and Farmer Bryan, who has built a new barn, says that he has no further use for them.

AN INJUSTICE CORRECTED.

It appears by the statement of Mr. Barclay H. Warburton, the Philadelphia society man and automobiling Amoteur, that an injustice has been done him in the allogration that he has been speeding his natomobile faster than the law allows. Unsuphisticated persons who saw him dashing through Jersey thought that he was endeavoring to break a record, but he was not. His gut-mobile "Was running not more than seven and a buil miles an hour," he says. Other persons who saw a horse run away, frightened by the ratifing machine, must have been mistaken, for Mr. Warburion missersed potning of the surt. They were similarly to series regarding the solition in Newark for which his machine was at first held responsible. An austoward exent of this signer state happen, but if was not the facil of the distinguished chauffeur, 73f the gaphait had not been slippers the the would not have lost his facility," says Mr. Waring ton, and an, of source, there would have been not av-

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The Funny Side of Life.

THE FLAT HUNTERS -- NO. VIII. ***JOKES OF OUR OWN**

"You say, when you rejected Algy, he went away in a rage. I should think he'd have preferred to have gone away in an automobile. "If he'd been rich enough to have an automobile I'd never have sent

THE STAKEHOLDER

holder of the stakes."

maiden backed that race horse; another one backed this; & And the charming thing they bet was just a warm and large-sized kiss. "To make this bet quite regular," begged, "for both your sakes, Pray let me, till the race is run, be

IN OLDEN TIMES.

"You say they didn't use cigarettes in this country when you were a young man, grandpa?" "No. Folks used to use pistols and ropes and poison bottles instead i

PLENTY.

"Is there any money to be made

BORROWED JOKES.

WENN AND MILLINERY. Theodosia-How do you like my nev

Theodore-H'm; I guess it's as crazy looking as any of them, my dear.-De-

THRILL OF ALARM. Armson-J. Pierpont Morgan says this country is good enough for him. De Manising-Heavens! Is he going t buy the entire country?-Chicago Trib-

A CAUTIOUS CLAIM. "Is your wife one of those women who look at their husbands and say, 'I made a men of him?" asked the impertment

"No," answered Mr. Meekton. "Hen-rietta is very uneasuming. She merely says she has done her best."—Washing-ton Star.

THE REAL THING. "It looks very pretty," said the swell Miss Blugore, who was shopping, "but it certainly isn't stylish."

"O! you're 'way off there," replied the salesgentieman. "It's all right. My lady friend wears one."—Philadelphia Press. ****

SOMEBODIES.

FISH, STUYVESANT-has established a 10,000-acre model farm near Jackson Miss., which he expects to settle with

HANNA, SENATOR-has put a pingpong set in the great reception room in his Washington house. He does not play, but his secretary, Elmer Dover is becoming an expert at the game.

JEFFERSON, JOSEPH -- the actor, gives as excuse for not introducing "mein dog Schneider" into "Rip Van Winkle" the reason that no two people have the same idea of that dog.

NATION, CARRIE-is said to have traded a souvenir hatchet the other day for a pint of whiskey, and then to have thrown the whiskey into the gutter.

PEARSON, SHERIFF-of Portland, Me., who was a clergyman before elected to his present office, claims to have closed 271 saloons and offers \$190 to whomsoever can now show him an open saloon in the whole county.

WILHELM KAISER-has decreed that all future statues to his grandfather, Emperor William I. of Germany, must bear the inscription "William the Great.

AN APPEAL.

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But now all's changed, where mos I knew but ease I now find naught but question-

What lies within that blessed What madous twincle loop, that What pranksome action doth the

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Captain (to first officer)-They tell me that young lady is a professional whistler.

ON THE STEAMER.

THE HIRED GIRLS

EVENING EXERLISE

First Officer-Yep; and they say abe's unmarried Captain-Well, keep a sharp look out as we come into port and see if you can't pick up a whistling buoy

GENTLE HINT.



Of all the flats from which wise folks just now will keep aloof,

For tenants frisk up there in spring and cut up antics wondrous,

The worst is that top flat just underneath the loose tin roof;

Tramo-Yes, I confess, ma'am, that am a degraded victim of the rum

Sium Angel-Oh, how perfectly delightful! I'm so glad to have seen you! Now I will have something to tell our club at the next meeting

COULD YOU BLAME HIM?



PROOF POSITIVE.



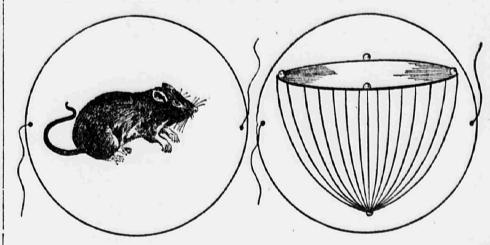
Camille-But. mamma. 1 can't help if men turn to look at me in the Mamma-I'm certain you must do

ANTICIPATION.



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PUT THE MOUSE IN THE TRAP.



Cut a circular piece of pasteboard the size shown above and paste the inverted trap on one side and the mouse on the other. Near the outer edge of the circle, as shown, fasten two strings opposite each other, so that they may be held between the forefinger and thumb in such a manner that the circle may be made to revolve rapidly. When it is in motion the transition is so quick that the

THE M'INTYRE FLAT.

When Vengeance Is Dealt Out They Are Present with a Large Pail.

HE McIntyre flat was on the fifth floor. Above them was the roof. It was above the other flats in the house, too. But not so notably, As warm and jocund May, with its golden argosy of malaria, mosquitoes, bock and bills,

get into the game, the roof grew popular. It was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived on the floor It was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was popularest with the Spoggs, who lived by the was populared by the ad guests by the wholesale.

To the roof they would repair each evening. It was a tin And some folks went right out and tore oof. To the MoIntyres, just below, the sound of their merriment up there was as stage thunder, the subway, and Panlemonium, N. J., all let loose together. Yet the McIntyres for a time strove to suffer and be

At last the maid announced that the Spoggs were to hold a roof party that evening and were to tie five Chinese lanterns to the clothes posts and have a man with a violin. Present were to be the twelve Spogglets, Mr. and Mrs. Spogg. Miss Spogg, the four young men, each of whom hoped to receive the goods; the pastor, his wife, Spogg's business artner and six outsiders. They were to dance. It was to

e an evening dress, fluffy affair. This was the crowning horror. Mrs. McIntyre suggested coing out for the evening; but her husband, after studying he sky, vetoed the plan.

By 8 the Spogg guests began to arrive on the roof. By they were all there. By 9.15 McIntyre left his flat, but returned a few moments later strangely happy. By 9.30 the heaviest, wildest thunderstorm of the year burst over the city, sweeping down torrents of blinding rain until the streets

"Heaven help the poor this night!" murmured McIntyre. and, incidentally, Heaven help those abandoned Spoggs." "The Spoggs!" echoed his wife. She suddenly remembered new their racket had died out on the roof, under the roar of thunder. "Why, they're safe indoors long ago."
"I doubt it," said McIntyre, sceptically. "You see, when

the storm was coming I slipped upstairs unobtrusively and juletly shut and locked the door leading to the roof. As the next roof is thirty feet away I fear the Spoggs and their guests and their fluffy evening clothes and their five Chinese lanterns and their fiddler, are a bit moist by now. And the cruel, cruel thunder has drowned their cries for help. So it's their turn to suffer and be strong. These roof parties aren' all they're cracked up to be, anyhow."

And faintly, through thunder and rain, could be heard from above sounds as of bitter woe fringed with language A P TERHUNE

THE POISON OF THE LILY.

A German botanist has discovered that the pretty flower known as the lily of the valley contains a polson of the most deadly kind. Not only the flower itself but also the stem as well contains an appreciable quantity of prussic boiled egg a novel trick can be peracid. While injecting a concection of lily of the valley into the ear of a guinea pig, he noticed the animal succumbed be quite dry and the egg must be shelled. mmediately, with all the symptoms of poisoning by hydro- First drop into the decanter a piece of cyanic acid, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. Chemical analysis lighted paper, and as the flame dies out of the little plant has disclosed, however, the presence of out one end of the egg into the neck this poisonous constituent, to which strange to say sciend of the decenter after the manner of thats attribute precisely the penetrating perfume of the lily a stopper. In a few minutes the air of the valley. The attention of the German botanist has will cool in the decanter and contract been drawn by the fact that one of his gardeners has felt in volume, when the superior pressure himself seized with dizziness and vomiting after having in- of the atmosphere will force the egg advertently raised a bunch of lilies of the valley to his through the neck down into the decanter mouth, the lips of which were cracked.

WHAT PAPA NEVER SAW: The Comic Opera.

My papa says he'd like to know What his old folks would say If they could see the ballets that Are on the stage to-day. He could not go when he was your (He says so, now, at least) Or "Beauty and the Beast." There was an awful row, he says,

And the whole village shook, The posters from the fence; "That this play's very bad," they said "These bills give evidence."

There was chagrin all over town When time came for the sho Young men were all locked up at home And told they couldn't go. My grandpa said no son of his Could get out on the nights

They gave a play in Durling's Hall With gauze and calcium lights. It isn't so with papa now-He goes to every one

And to his credit I can say This shows me that on narrow line My papa never grew, And though he sighs for good old days He keeps up with the new



With a large decanter and a hard-

TABLE INVENTED BY EDWARD VII.

shows a portable ta tie, which comes and folds up into very small space, and hand without fear of preskage. The cen ice part, which contains two beautifully cut glass decanters. one for brandy and one for whinker, and three very thin. imputifully out ginns

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